Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati

375. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to introduce Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati thrice a week;

(b) whether the Rajdhani Express is also proposed to be introduced between New Dehli and Bhubaneshwar thrice a week;

(c) if so, the date from which the above proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken in the above direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (d) Frequency of 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly w.e.f. 26-1-1996.

However, there is no proposal at present to increase the frequency of 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express.

Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge

376. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of destinations between which the work relating to Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge was proposed during 1993-94 State-wise;

(b) the destinations where such conversion was completed before 31st December, 1994 or has already been completed;

(c) the destinations where such conversions are likely to be done during 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The following new gauge conversion works were taken up in 1993-94:

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length/kms	State
1.	Rewari-Bhatinda	300	Harayana/Punjab
2.	Jodhpur-Jaisalmer	297	Rajasthan
3.	Luni-Marwar	72	Rajasthan
4.	Lumding-Dibrugarh	769	Assam
5.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad	572	Rajasthan/Gujarat
6.	Neemuch-Ratlam	135	M.P./Rajasthan

(b) and (c) The details of the sections converted into BG during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and those targetted to be completed during 1996-97 are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length Kms
	Year 1993-94	
1.	Bhatinda-Hissar	157
2.	Jaipur-Phulera	55